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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL CASES PROVIDED REFTEL. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC STEPS TO BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE NEXT REPRESENTATION LIST. AS A GENERAL COMMENT, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN DELETING NAMES FROM THE REPRESENTATION LIST IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR OVERALL POLICY OF PROVIDING SUPPORT IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FOR EMIGRATION, DIVIDED FAMILIES AND MARRIAGE CASES INVOLVING THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE.

2. WHILE PASSPORT OFFICE DIRECTOR POPESCU MAY BE CORRECT
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IN SAYING THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS NO LONGER WISH TO DEPART ROMANIA, WE QUESTION WHETHER FAILURE TO RESPOND BY JUNE 30 TO AN EMBASSY LETTER REQUESTING AN INTERVIEW IS SUFFICIENT CONFIRMATION. ASIDE FROM THE SHORT DEADLINE, POTENTIAL EMIGRANTS MAY STRONGLY PREFER TO DISCUSS THEIR SITUATION ORALLY WITH CONSULAR OFFICER RATHER THAN RESPONDING IN WRITING. EVEN IF EMBASSY'S LETTER IS

RECEIVED, APPLICANTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE VISIT TO

EMBASSY FOR SOME TIME. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT INDIVIDUALS NOT RPT NOT BE REMOVED FROM REPRESENTATION LIST UNTIL IT IS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THEY NO LONGER WISH TO EMIGRATE, PREFERABLY FOLLOWING ORAL INTERVIEW WITH CONSULAR OFFICER. AT THE SAME TIME, WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT POTENTIAL EMIGRANTS TO CONTACT EMBASSY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 12 MONTHS TO REAFFIRM DESIRE TO EMIGRATE. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE AGREES THAT, BARRING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, NAMES CAN BE DROPPED FROM LIST IF INDIVIDUALS DO NOT CONTACT EMBASSY WITHIN PRECEDING 12 MONTH PERIOD. EMBASSY SHOULD BE ALERT TO SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAKE SUCH CONTACT IMPOSSIBLE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR TO NEW APPLICANTS AS WELL AS THOSE ALREADY ON REPRESENTATION LIST THAT SUCH CONTACT WILL BE REQUIRED AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 12 MONTHS IN ORDER FOR THEIR NAMES TO REMAIN ON REPRESENTATION LIST.

3. IN GENERAL, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE EMBASSY TO EXCLUDE NAMES FROM REPRESENTATION LIST BECAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL'S DEPARTURE MAY RESULT IN SPLITTING NUCLEAR FAMILIES. THIS WOULD APPEAR PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE IN CASES WHERE THE POTENTIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMIGRANT IS A DUAL NATIONAL. WE AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT IN SOME INDIVIDUAL CASES, FOR EXAMPLE WHERE IT IS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THAT A SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN DO NOT WISH TO EMIGRATE, THE NAMES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT APPEAR ON THE REPRESENTATION LIST. HOWEVER, IF THE EMIGRANT IN SUCH CASES DOES SUCCEED IN OBTAINING ROMANIAN PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA, EMBASSY SHOULD EXTEND NORMAL ASSISTANCE IN ASSISTING THE EMIGRANT TO DEPART ROMANIA.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY EMBASSY TO CONFIRM CURRENT INTENTIONS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY WITHIN PAST YEAR.

5. IN GENERAL, DEPARTMENT RELIES ON EMBASSY JUDGMENT IN PREPARATION OF REPRESENTATION LIST. AT THE SAME TIME, WE URGE EMBASSY TO KEEP IN MIND FACTORS SUCH AS POSSIBLE NON-DELIVERY OF MAIL OR WIDELY PREVALENT ROMANIAN BELIEF THAT THEIR CORRESPONDENCE WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY MAY BE MONITORED BY ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. SUCH CONSIDERATIONS MAY BE PARTICULARLY RELEVANT FOR

PERSONS WHO GENERAL POPESCU HAS SAID NO LONGER WISH TO
EMIGRATE. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE IF IN

DOUBT AS TO WHETHER NAMES OF PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS
SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON FORTHCOMING REPRESENTATION LIST. VANCE

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